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re the application of:

Joseph P. Scannell

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Structural Instabilities Due to Environmental Processes

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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John Barretto

## **RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 16, 2002 FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated December 16, 2002, Applicant submits the following remarks and the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement with form PTO-1449. It is not believed that extensions of time or fees are required, however, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary, Applicant hereby petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an extension. Any fee deficiencies can be charged as indicated on the foregoing Amendment Transmittal Letter.